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Sale of Municipal Bus Line to RTD Approved

Court Test of Subsidy Slated

By NATALIE HALL
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The Torrance Municipal Bus System was sold last night to Southern California Rapid Transit District. Before the sale is final, however, it faces two court battles:

- To determine whether the contract itself is legal, and,
- To determine the legality of a new civil service amendment aimed at relocating municipal bus drivers.

In a surprise move, the City Council voted to limit the \$70,000 annual subsidy to one year instead of two, as the original sale contract read. RTD will receive the subsidy with the stipulation that all current routes and schedules be maintained for the 12 months following the transfer. After that time, the city must continue to subsidize any non-profit routes it wishes to maintain.

alone in his fight to prevent the transfer, repeated his view that RTD will terminate all bus lines except the profitable trunk lines. He said that when the subsidy is discontinued, the people will "swarm" to council meetings, demanding intra-city bus service.

Until last night's meeting, Councilman George Vico opposed the sale, but he voted with the majority.

COUNCILMAN David K. Lyman argued in favor of the bus sale, stating that it is wrong to assume RTD will lower the quality of Torrance bus service. Lyman predicted that service will be upgraded, particularly in future years when long-range RTD plans are put into effect.

Former City Councilman Nick Draie entered his opposition from the audience. He said that the City Council had never done anything to put the bus system on a paying basis and that schools, business, real estate—everything in Torrance—would be affected by a poor public transportation.

Draie added that there isn't a judge anywhere who would okay a plan whereby Torrance residents paid \$70,000 a year to help run a county-wide operation.

COUNCILMEN and audience spokesmen also clashed over the civil service issue involved in the bus transfer. The City Council voted to approve an amendment to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations designed to place city bus drivers in other municipal positions.

The amendment provides that when a city department is transferred outside the city, the employees of that department may be reassigned to vacant positions in other departments at the same or (See BUSES, Page A-3)



H. C. BARRINGTON
Final Rites Today

Barrington Rites Set For Today

Funeral services for H. C. (Jack) Barrington, a pioneer Torrance industrialist, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Barrington died at a Torrance hospital Saturday. Born Jan. 10, 1893, in Lexington, Tex., Mr. Barrington came to Torrance in 1921. He was the owner and president of Barrington Welding and Machine Works, which he established here shortly after his arrival in Torrance.

Mr. Barrington was a member of the Torrance Masonic Lodge 447.

Surviving Mr. Barrington are his son, John A. Barrington of Torrance; a daughter, Frances I. Riegel of Manhattan Beach; a sister, Muriel White of Reseda, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Burial will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

The family has asked that contributions be made to the Torrance Memorial Hospital Building Fund in lieu of flowers.

BEGIN TOMORROW

Board to Meet With Teachers

By HENRY BURKE
Press-Herald Staff Writer

The board of trustees of the Torrance Unified School District adjourned its first meeting of the month last night to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow to begin discussions on board-teacher relationships.

The board is prepared to discuss several points of conflict which have become the crusade of the Torrance Education Association.

Business in which the asso-

ciation wants to be heard goes beyond teacher salaries to the scope of teacher responsibilities.

The inability to conduct sufficient negotiations at regularly semi-monthly meetings prompted the board to begin a series of special meetings to deal with the subject.

A STUDY of the political attitudes of students in the 6th, 9th and 12th grades will be considered by the board after a committee of social studies and civics instructors is given an opportunity to examine the project.

The study is a project of Dr. Richard M. Merelman, assistant professor, department of political science at UCLA.

Several of the teachers would be interviewed in an effort to relate teacher attitudes to the political attitudes of the students.

Results of the study, which will be made available to the district, would serve as a potential evaluation of the curriculum in those social studies courses intended to develop citizenship and participation in a democratic government.

'Y' Names Campaign Chairman

Leonard F. Kane, 1305 Kornblum Ave., has been named general campaign chairman for the 1968 Torrance Family YMCA Fund Drive.

Kane, a metallurgist at Northrop Corp., has grown up in the YMCA, having served as a cabin leader during his youth and in various volunteer posts with the "Y" throughout his life.

He will direct the efforts of some 625 persons as they seek to raise \$122,222.22 to keep the YMCA in operation for the coming year. The fund drive is scheduled to begin Feb. 22 and end March 28.

THE FATHER of four children, Kane is active in the First Methodist Church of Torrance and served as co-chairman of the Committee of 100 which campaigned for Torrance school bonds last year. He also is a counselor (See YMCA, Page A-3)

First Aid Class Set

Standard First Aid will be taught by Red Cross Tuesdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, at the Southern District Red Cross Center, 1499 W. First St., San Pedro.

The free course, to be taught in five sessions on consecutive Tuesdays, is open to anyone at least 15 years of age.



NEARING COMPLETION . . . Volunteer workers spent most of New Year's Eve putting the finishing touches on the city's 1968 Tournament of Roses entry, "Romance of Early California." The float placed second behind Glendale in the category for California cities in its class. Built at an estimated cost of \$11,000, the float depicted the Spanish and Mexican heritage of California. A full page of pictures by Press-Herald photographer Hal Fisher appears on Page C-1 in today's editions. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Name New Deputy Chief, Four More Are Promoted

Appointment of B. C. Sloneker as deputy fire chief for Torrance has been announced here by Fire Chief Robert Lucas.

Lucas also announced the promotion of four other members of the Torrance Fire Department. They include Albert Salcido, elevated to battalion chief; Battalion Chief John Agapito, who has been named training officer; and Jack Garland, who was promoted to the rank of captain.

In addition, Chief Lucas announced the appointment of Richard Nanney as an engineer for the department.

NEWLY APPOINTED Deputy Chief B. C. Sloneker has been a Torrance resident since 1938, graduating from Narbonne High School in 1943. Born Aug. 8, 1925, in Trenton, Mo., Sloneker moved to California in 1931.

After high school, Sloneker joined the U.S. Air Force, serving as a tail gunner in

the 8th Air Force. He flew 31 missions over Europe and was discharged as a staff-sergeant in 1945.

Sloneker continued his education at Compton College, where he received his A.A. degree in agricultural engineering in 1948. He entered fire service in 1950, working his way up to battalion chief in 1958.

During his career, Sloneker supplemented his education with courses at USC, Harbor College, and El Camino College.

Now married, Sloneker and his wife, Virginia have three children, Pam, 15; Mart, 11, and Mark 7.

A NATIVE Californian is newly appointed Battalion Chief Salcido. After graduation from Gardena High School in 1943, Salcido joined the U.S. Navy where he became a motor machinist first class and served on a submarine in the Pacific Theater.

Upon his release from the Navy, the new battalion chief went to work for Columbia Steel. He joined the Torrance Fire Department in 1954, earning the rank of captain in 1963.

Active in the Red Cross, Salcido is also interested in bowling, fishing, swimming, and physical fitness. He proudly displays a trophy he won for bowling a perfect 300 game.

A family man, Salcido and his wife Anita have five children. They are Suzie, 19; Mary Lou, 13; Clara, 11; and Arthur and Elizabeth, 7. The Salcidos also have two grandchildren.

NEW TRAINING officer for the Torrance Fire Department is Battalion Chief Agapito, who takes the place of former Battalion Chief Sloneker.

Chief Agapito was born in Torrance, graduating from Torrance High School in 1944. He was active in sports, lettering in football, baseball, and basketball.

Upon graduation from high school, Agapito joined the Navy, where he became a quartermaster 3rd class aboard a minesweeper in the Pacific campaign.

In 1947, he enrolled at Compton College, earning his (See FIRE, Page A-2)



OPEN NEW BANK . . . Bank of America's new Main Torrance branch was opened for business at 10 a.m. yesterday at the Del Amo Financial Center. On hand for the door opening ceremony were (from left) Bob Vroman, Torrance Chamber of Commerce; B. A. Swartz, vice president and manager of the new branch; Thomas C. Rupert, city treasurer; and William Shawger and Robert Rojo, both representing the Chamber of Commerce. Bank of America will be the major tenant in the second tower building when it is completed. (Press-Herald Photo)

Cyclist Injured Sunday

A car entering Victor Street from a private driveway collided with a motorcycle Sunday afternoon near the intersection of Maricopa Avenue.

The driver of the motorcycle, James J. Cleary of 20531 Palm Way, sustained injuries to his knee in the accident. Cleary, who is 54, told Torrance police he had been driving north on Victor Street when a car driven by Beatrice M. Pridoux, 21015 Victor St., pulled into northbound lanes. The motorcycle sustained major damage.

Aeronca Receives Contract

Buensod-Stacey Corporation, New York based subsidiary of Aeronca, Inc., has received its largest contract to date totalling \$3,842,592 covering the environmental control system for the new Westinghouse Electric Corp. nuclear turbine plant near Charlotte, N. C., according to A. G. Handshumacher, Aeronca president.

In addition to the highly engineered environmental control systems for industry produced by Buensod-Stacey, Aeronca makes advanced aerospace structures in its plant in Torrance.

Bike Hits Car; Boy Breaks Leg

Five-year-old Kenneth D. Ransom, 3915 W. 234th Place, suffered a broken left leg Saturday afternoon when his bicycle collided with a car at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and 224th Place. He was rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment.

Vacationing Family Robbed . . .

While the Herly Webb family vacationed in Indiana for the holidays, burglars broke into their Torrance home, 2604 166th St., and carted off nearly \$2,700 worth of jewelry and appliances. Using blankets and bedspreads to pack the goods, thieves got away with two television sets, a stereo set, an amplifier-tuner, movie camera, projector, camera equipment, a blue steel revolver, and several other items.

Tier-Crypt Plan Approved . . .

A proposal to develop a cemetery along 213th Street near the San Diego Freeway which could accept 400,000 bodies in tiers of eight won unanimous approval of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, a vote which overturned the County Regional Planning Commission's denial. Developer Howard D. Martin agreed to accept 22 conditions proposed for the projected Carson Memorial Park. Residents of the Carson and Dominguez areas had protested the proposal in its earlier stages. Approval of the State Cemetery Board is still needed.

Appoint Deputy Attorney . . .

Thomas McNary, city prosecutor since Jan. 3, 1966, was named to the position of senior deputy city attorney last night. City Councilmen approved the appointment on recommendation of City Attorney Stanley Rempelmeier. For the past two years, McNary, a retired deputy district attorney, has worked for the city under a contract basis.